

A. E. F. SOLDIERS MAY WED BY MAIL

Marriage by mail for soldiers overseas and their sweethearts in this country is permissible under a War Department ruling.

The only limitations is that the proxy wedding shall not be countermanded where State laws would make clearly the contracts invalid.

Commanding officers, suggests the decision, can aid and abet in cases where the soldiers are anxious to wed before their return.

Cupid fought several fast rounds to get these decisions. At first he lost out. In the last round, though, he not only drew this permission, but also got an expression from the department that marriage is a good idea for those who like it, and a statement of sympathy that the war had interrupted some growing romances.

Case Starts Row.

The proxy wedding of Wales T. Hawes, Cambridge, Mass., soldier overseas, to Miss Annie Hittcock of Roxbury, Mass., provoked the controversy. At first, the office of Acting Judge Advocate General S. T. Ansell curtly dismissed the proposition that such marriages could be contracted.

Then Brig. Gen. W. A. Bethel came out in the role of Cupid's aid, and asked a reconsideration of the case, so the A. E. F. could know what to do about further long-distance weddings.

Reversed the Decision.

Then Ansell and his officers showed a complete reversal of form. They suggested that Hawes' venture was ill-advised, inasmuch as Bay State laws say both parties to a marriage must be present. But they allowed that if Hawes felt the way he did about it, the army must return to him the mailed marriage contract it had taken up. And then, the legal officers capitulated.

"It is no doubt, to the interest of society that marriage should exist between those who sincerely desire it," said the judge advocate general's decision, which came to light today, "and much sympathy is felt for those who have been prevented from marrying in the ordinary way by the exigencies of military duty." The opinion then points out that the single contract, mailed and signed by both parties, is the best form to use. "This method," it continues, "may properly be facilitated by military authorities in France when State laws do not clearly make it ineffectual."

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Washington Babies Who Will Have to Be Introduced to Their Fathers NO. 22



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TO NATURALIZE ALL ARMY ALIENS

Soldiers in France who are foreign born and who have not been naturalized will be naturalized on their return to this country, provided they wish to become citizens, the Bureau of Naturalization, Department of Labor, announces. The signing of the armistice halted a plan to carry on naturalization work abroad, for which a representative of the bureau had gone overseas.

Already 160,000 men in uniform have been naturalized, and this number includes practically all aliens in the military service except those who went abroad with the expeditionary forces before they could be granted citizenship under the war legislation.

CZECH TROOPS RESTORE ORDER IN SILESIA TOWN

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29.—Czech troops have arrived at Teschen, in Austrian Silesia, where they restored order. Before the arrival of the Czechs the Poles carried off all of the railway materials.

Lady Typists With British Peace Delegation Get \$25 Less for Dress Than Men

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The Times' parliamentary correspondent writes: "Amusement was recently caused by the statement that lady typists attached to the British foreign office section of the peace conference in Paris have been granted a special dress allowance of \$125 each, but that is not the whole story. It seems the authorities discovered that individual dress allowance was made for official staffs at previous international congresses.

"The Berlin congress was attended by men only, but each had his dress allowance for the ceremonial functions that were proper in that period. The precedent was followed on this occasion, and the men received a dress allowance of \$150 each.

"Women assistants at the international congresses were an innovation, but the precedent for dress was fixed so that lady typists got their dress allowance, but by a characteristic touch it was at \$25 less than that of the men."

SECRET BRIDE DIES FROM CHLOROFORM

ENGLEWOOD, N. J., Jan. 28.—Decease over the death of her husband whom she secretly married a year ago, is today accepted as the cause for the suicide of Miss Aeselle Packwood, whose body was found on the Palisades Sunday.

An autopsy has disclosed that the young widow died from the effects of chloroform, self-administered. She had been frequently seen walking along the Palisades. The body was found on a ledge, several weeks after the woman had swathed her head in bandages soaked in chloroform.

The inquiry has developed that about one year ago Miss Packwood, who was the daughter of a wealthy Florida real estate operator, went to New York to study music. There she met and married a Major Fenton of the United States army. She kept the marriage a secret, joined the Red Cross and followed her husband to France, where she worked at one of the Red Cross hospitals. Later Major Fenton was reported killed.

Returning to America, after the signing of the armistice, the girl sent most of her belongings to her former home in Tampa, Fla., and ceased writing to her father. He became alarmed and communicated with the Red Cross, who gave him the first notice of his daughter's marriage.

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Finale, "Bob."
"The Star-Spangled Banner."

ROUMANIANS RISE IN GENERAL REVOLT

VIENNA, Jan. 28.—(Delayed).—A revolution is raging throughout Roumania, according to dispatches received from Budapest today.

Fighting started Saturday, when home coming soldiers clashed with troops of the regular army stationed in permanent garrisons. Bloody encounters occurred in several cities, continuing in Bucharest throughout Sunday. Several Democrats are reported to have joined the revolutionists.

CROWN PRINCE AND EX-KAISER AT OUTS

By The International News Service and London Daily Express.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29.—The former Kaiser and the ex-Crown Prince are not on speaking terms. This was revealed when all the relatives of the one-time lord sent birthday greetings, except his eldest son.

TO SELECT PLAYERS FOR G. W. U. COMEDY TONIGHT

Tryouts for the selection of members of the cast of Mollere's comedy, "Learned Women," to be presented by the George Washington University Players in March, will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the assembly hall of the Arts and Sciences Department building, 2023 G street northwest. Prof. Dr. Witt C. Croissant of the English department, will serve as judge. Officers of the dramatic organization have been elected as follows: Laurence Burton, president; Ellsworth Humphreys, vice president; Beulah Speller, secretary; John Paul Earnest, treasurer; and Leonila Lloyd, publicity agent.

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